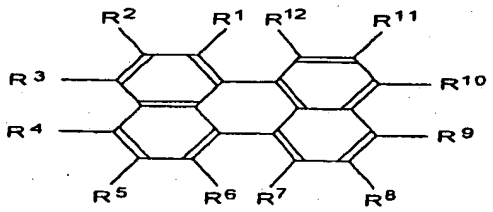
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please **AMEND** claims 2, 7, 9, 16, 18, 20, and 22-24 as shown below.

The following is a complete list of all claims in this application.

In the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) An organic electroluminescent (EL) device comprising an anode, a cathode, and one or more organic thin-film layers including a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the anode and the cathode, at least one of the organic thin-film layers including, singly, a perylene compound represented by a general formula [1] as follows:



[1]

wherein each of R^1 to R^{12} independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxy group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group; any two of R^1 to R^{12} may form a ring; however one

or two of R^1 to R^{12} is a diarylamino group represented by —NAr^1Ar^2 (each of Ar^1 and Ar^2 represents substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group), and at least one of the R^1 to R^{12} other than the diarylamino group is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules,

wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the general formula [1] is a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group having not less than four carbon atoms, a substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, a substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, a substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or a substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group.

2. (Currently Amended) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein at least one of Ar^1 and Ar^2 has substituted or non-substituted styryl group as a substituent.

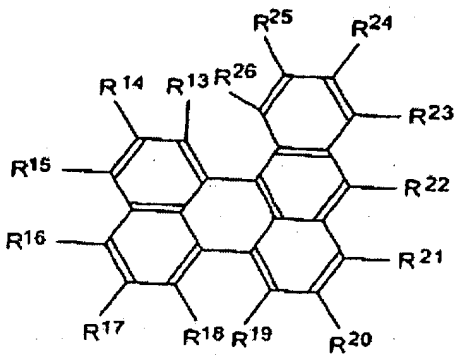
3. (Original) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least a light-emitting layer including the compound represented by the general formula [1] either singly or as a mixture.

4. (Original) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least a hole transporting layer including the compound represented by the general formula [1] either singly or as a mixture.

5. (Original) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least an electron transporting layer including the compound represented by the general formula [1] either singly or as a mixture.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) An organic EL device comprising an anode, a cathode, and one or more organic thin-film layers including a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the anode and the cathode, at least one of the organic thin-film layers including, singly, a benzoperylene compound represented by a general formula [2] as follows:



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wherein each of R^{13} to R^{26} independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted alkyl group having not less than four carbon atoms, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group; and two of R^{13} to R^{26} may form a ring; and at least one of R^{13} to R^{26} is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules,

wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the general formula [2] is a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, a substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, a substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group.

8. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein at least one of R^{13} to R^{26} is a diarylamino group represented by —NAr^1Ar2 (each of Ar^1 and Ar^2

represents non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or substituted aromatic heterocyclic group).

9. (Currently Amended) The organic EL device as defined in claim 8, wherein at least one of Ar^1 and Ar^2 has substituted or non-substituted styryl group as a substituent.

10. (Original) The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least a light-emitting layer including the compound represented by the general formula [2] either singly or as a mixture.

11. (Original) The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least a hole transporting layer including the compound represented by the general formula [2] either singly or as a mixture.

12. (Original) The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least an electron transporting layer including the compound represented by the general formula [2] either singly or as a mixture.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein the group with steric hindrance is adamantyloxy, adamantyl, t-butyl or t-butoxy.

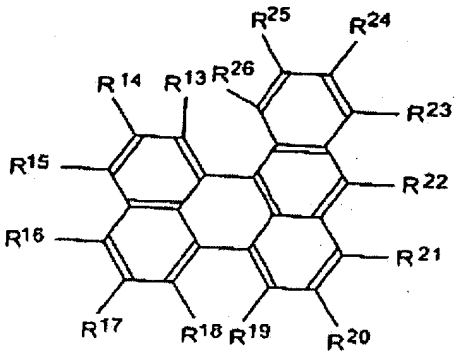
15. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein the steric hindrance group is adamantyloxy or t-butoxy.

16. (Currently Amended) The organic EL device as defined in claim 7 ~~1~~, wherein at least two of R^{13} to R^{26} are adamantyloxy or t-butoxy.

17. (Previously Presented) The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein the group with steric hindrance is adamantyloxy, adamantyl, t-butyl, t-butoxy or phyenyloxy.

18. (Currently Amended) An organic EL device comprising an anode, a cathode, and one or more organic thin-film layers including a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the

anode and the cathode, at least one of the organic thin-film layers including a benzoperylene compound represented by a general formula [2] as follows:



~~(2)~~ [2]

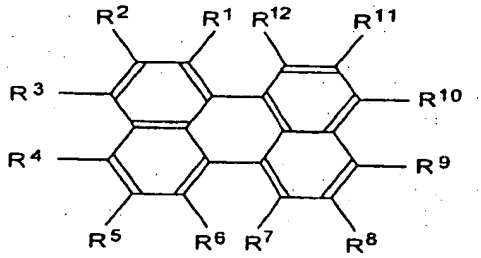
wherein each of R^{13} to R^{26} independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted ~~[alkyl]~~ alkyl group having not less than four carbon atoms, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group; and two of R^{13} to R^{26} may form a ring; and at least one of R^{13} to R^{26} is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules,

wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the general formula [2] is ~~a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, a substituted or non-substituted aromatic~~

~~heterocyclic group, a substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group,~~

~~wherein the group with steric hindrance is~~ adamantyl.

19. (Previously Presented) An organic electroluminescent (EL) device comprising an anode, a cathode, and one or more organic thin-film layers including a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the anode and the cathode, at least one of the organic thin-film layers including a perylene compound represented by a general formula [1] as follows:



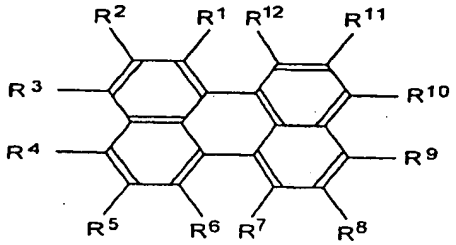
[1]

wherein each of R^1 to R^{12} independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxy group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group; any two of R^1 to R^{12} may form a ring; however, one or two of R^1 to R^{12} is a diarylamino group represented by —NAr^1 Ar^2 (each of Ar^1 and Ar^2 represents substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group), and at least one of the R^1 to R^{12} other than the diarylamino group is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules,

wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the general formula [1] is a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group having not less than four carbon atoms, a substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or a substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group,

wherein the perylene compound represented by formula [1] is used in combination with other compounds.

20. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent (EL) device comprising an anode, a cathode, and one or more organic thin-film layers including a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the anode and the cathode, at least one of the organic thin-film layers including a perylene compound represented by a general formula [1] as follows:



[1]

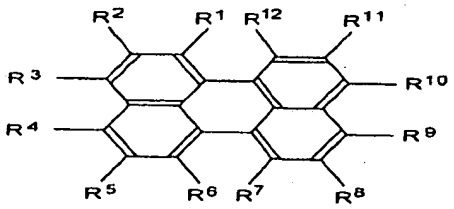
wherein each of R^1 to R^{12} independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxy group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group; any two of R^1 to R^{12} may form a ring; however,— one or two of R^1 to R^{12} is a diarylamino group represented by —NAr^1 Ar^2 (each of Ar^1 and Ar^2

represents substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group), and at least one of the R^1 to R^{12} other than the diarylamino group is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules,

wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the general formula [1] is a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group having not less than four carbon atoms, a substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, a substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, a substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or a substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group,

wherein the perylene compound represented by formula [1] is used ~~in~~ alone and not in combination with other compounds.

21. (Previously Presented) An organic electroluminescent (EL) device comprising an anode, a cathode, and one or more organic thin-film layers including a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the anode and the cathode, the organic thin-film layers including, as a mixture, a perylene compound represented by a general formula [1] as follows:



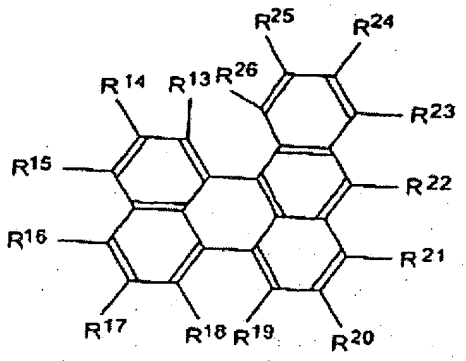
[1]

wherein each of R^1 to R^{12} independently represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxyl group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group;

any two of R^1 to R^{12} may form a ring; however, at least one and at most two of R^1 to R^{12} is a diarylamino group represented by $-NAr^1Ar^2$, each of Ar^1 and Ar^2 represents non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, and at least one of the R^1 to R^{12} other than the diarylamino group is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules.

22. (Currently Amended) The organic EL device as defined in claim 21, wherein at least one of Ar^1 and Ar^2 ~~includes~~ has substituted or non-substituted styryl group as a substituent.

23. (Currently Amended) An organic EL device comprising an anode, a cathode, and one or more organic thin-film layers including a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the anode and the cathode, the organic thin-film layers including, as a mixture, a benzoperylene compound represented by a general formula [2] as follows:



~~(2)~~ [2]

wherein each of R^{1} to R^{12} independently represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxyl group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group; any two of R^{1} to R^{12} may form a ring; however, at least one and at most two of R^{1} to R^{12} is

a diarylamino group represented by $-NAr^1Ar^2$ (each of Ar^1 and Ar^2 represents non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group), and at least one of the $R^{\underline{13}}$ to $R^{\underline{26}}$ other than the diarylamino group is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules.

24. (Currently Amended) The organic EL device as defined in claim 23, wherein ~~at least~~ exactly one of R^{13} to R^{26} is diarylamino group represented by $-NAr^1$ Ar^2 (each of Ar^1 to Ar^2 represents non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group), and the group with steric hindrance is other than the diarylamino group.